

SENATE BILL 1073

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and
Title 40, relative to restoration of voting rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

(a) When an individual rendered infamous and deprived of the right of suffrage
by the judgment of a state or federal court becomes eligible to apply for a voter
registration card and have the right of suffrage restored pursuant to § 40-29-202(a), the
person issuing the pardon, discharging the individual from custody, or granting a
certificate of final discharge shall:

(1) Notify the county election commission in the county that is the home
of record of the individual;

(2) Complete the appropriate portions of the certificate of restoration of
voting rights form; and

(3) Send the completed certificate of restoration of voting rights form to
the appropriate criminal court clerk.

(b) Upon receiving the certificate of restoration of voting rights form under
subsection (a), the criminal court clerk shall verify that the individual has no outstanding
financial obligations pursuant to § 40-29-202(b) or (c). If the individual has no
outstanding financial obligations, then the criminal court clerk shall complete the
appropriate portions of the certificate of restoration of voting rights form and forward the
form to the appropriate county election commission. If the individual has remaining

financial obligations, then the criminal court clerk shall inform the individual of the amount and the method by which the financial obligations may be met.

(c) Upon receiving the notification under subsection (a) and certificate under subsection (b), the county election commission shall contact the individual to provide assistance to the individual with registering to vote. The county election commission shall verify that the individual is eligible to register and that there are no other impediments to the right of suffrage being restored before the individual is allowed to register.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.